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SUBJECT: AFDF PROPOSED LOANS TO CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

- 1. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE HEALTH PROJECT NOT YET AVAILABLE. PROJECT NOW EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED AT NOVEMBER MEETING OF BOARD. WILL CABLE SUMMARY ASAP.
- 2. MANAGEMENT HOPES TO SCHEDULE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE EDUCATION PROJECT (US \$6.3 MILLION) FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION IN OCTOBER. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL ASSIST GOCAE IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT ITS EDUCATION REFORM PROGRAM THROUGH RECONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION OF 89 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH 267 CLASSROOMS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL STRENGTHEN THE RURAL EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PREFECTURES; OMBELLA-MPOKO, LOBAYE AND HAUTE SANGHA.
- 3. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS WHICH PROVIDES AGRICULTURAL, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. IT IS HOPED THAT SUCH A SYSTEM WILL INSTILL UNCLASSIFIED

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IN STUDENTS THE DESIRE TO REMAIN AND WORK IN RURAL AREAS. PROPOSED PROJECT ASSISTS IN ACHIEVEMENT OF GOAL BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOB APPROXIMATELY 29 THOUSAND STUDENTS. (PROJECT ENVISIONS CLASSROOMS BEING USED FOR DOUBLE SESSIONS EACH DAY). THE TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE TO BE LOCATED AT BAMBARI, WILL GRADUATE 100 INSTRUCTORS EACH YEAR. STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO COLLEGE FACILITIES WHICH WILL SERVE AS COMMUNITY CENTER FOR

HEALTH, RECREATION, HOME ECONOMICS, ETC.

4. APPRAISAL REPORT INDICATES THAT UNITED NATIONS IS CURRENTLY FINANCING RECONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION OF AN ADDITIONAL 55 SCHOOLS, WITH CONSTRUCTION BEING SUPERVISED BY U.S. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. APPRAISAL REPORT FURTHER INDICATES THAT USAID WILL ASSIST IN DRILLING WATER WELLS AND PROVIDING PUMPS AND OVERHEAD TANKS FOR EACH SITE. COOKE

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